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Family Resource Night connects Flagstaff urban Navajo families with services

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Division of Social Services partnered with Flagstaff Unified School District’s Native American Support Program and Native Community Capital to host a community event to connect Navajo families with vital resources.

More than 220 Navajo citizens attended the event at Sinagua Middle School here on Friday. It was part of an effort to bring Window Rock to urban families and follows a similar event in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the beginning of November.

Navajo Nation departments presented information about social services, vital records, the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, elections, workforce development, housing and economic development.

“With a large population of Navajos residing off-reservation in Flagstaff and the surrounding areas, we saw the need to reach out and make these families aware of the resources available to them,” Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren said.

The outreach event educates Navajo citizens in urban areas about programs and assistance available to them.

“The intention behind this initiative was to educate and inform Navajo relatives about the multitude of

resources available to them in Flagstaff and its surrounding areas,” said Thomas Cody, executive director of Social Services.

Attendees, including one elderly Navajo woman who had relocated because of the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Act, expressed gratitude to President Nygren for remembering and acknowledging them and their needs.



PHOTO: More than 220 Navajo citizens attended Navajo Family Resource Night sponsored by the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services, Flagstaff Unified School District Native American Support Program and Native Community Capital.

Ryan Chee, principal of Leupp Public School under Flagstaff Unified School District, extended thanks to the Navajo Nation for its commitment to serving Navajo families the district’s service area.

The Navajo Family Resource Night was a reminder of the support systems and services available to Navajo families who live outside their traditional homelands.

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